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Theodore Roosevelt Medals To Bunche, Frost, Wallaces

The Theodore Roosevelt Association medals for "Distinguished Service for the year 1954" were awarded last night on the ninety-sixth anniversary of Mr. Roosevelt's birth to Dr. Ralph Bunche in the field of international affairs, poet Robert Frost in American literature, and Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Wallace, editors and publishers of "The Reader's Digest," for distinguished service by private citizens.

The medals were presented by Oscar S. Straus 2d, president of the association, at Theodore Roosevelt House, 28 E. 20th St. The medal, designed by the late James Earle Fraser, American sculptor, bears on one side the head of Mr. Roosevelt, and on the other a flaming sword and the words, "If I must choose between righteousness and peace, I choose righteousness."

Archibald B. Roosevelt.

living son of the former President. ~~He failed in an attempt to prevent Dr. Bunche, director of the Trusteeships Division of the United Nations, from receiving the medal.~~ He wrote a letter to Mr. Straus objecting to Dr. Bunche as "a controversial figure." A United States loyalty board unanimously decided in May that "there is no doubt as to the loyalty of Dr. Bunche to the government of the United States."

In another birthday ceremony, a wreath was placed at the Roosevelt equestrian statue in front of the American Museum of Natural History, at 79th St. and Central Park West. Joseph J. Bruno, first president and founder of the Theodore Roosevelt Navy Day League, which sponsored the exercise, placed the wreath at the statue and read Gov. Dewey's proclamation designating yesterday as Theodore Roosevelt Day.